

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 297

By Faulk

A RESOLUTION to recognize Don Seale upon the occasion of his retirement from the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Don Seale is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for more than eighteen years as a creel clerk for the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Seale has honorably served as the creel clerk on Douglas Lake and Cherokee Lake for the past eighteen years, and he has skillfully monitored both the fish population and the fishermen in an effort to help maintain and protect the natural environment of the lakes as a resource for all to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, living on his farm in New Market, Mr. Seale retired from North American Philips-Magnavox in Jefferson City, after thirty-five years of loyal service; and

WHEREAS, not wanting to sit still in his retirement, he joined the TWRA eighteen years ago, and he has earned the respect of his superiors, peers, and fishermen alike for the quality of his work and his singular skills; and

WHEREAS, Don Seale discovered his love for the outdoors at a young age while growing up fishing creeks, ponds, and lakes, and he always looks forward to spring when the lake waters begin to rise and the fish begin to bite; and

WHEREAS, during his eighteen year career with the TWRA, he has endured thunderstorms, wind, snow, fierce heat and cold, but mostly the time he has spent monitoring the lakes has been pure pleasure; and

WHEREAS, over the years, he has become an iconic figure on both Douglas Lake and Cherokee Lake, and many of the local fishermen know his familiar face and trust his expertise on the habits of the fish; and

WHEREAS, after more than eighteen years in this position, Mr. Seale will be taking a much deserved retirement in June of this year; and

WHEREAS, while enjoying his well deserved retirement, Don Seale plans to spend more time with his wife, Betty, their children, Joey, Randy, and Donna, their four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild; he will also devote more time to his farm and the purple martin colony that returns each spring to his back yard, and he also plans to spend many hours on the lake fishing; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Seale has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues at the TWRA; and

WHEREAS, Don Seale exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to his career and his community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Don Seale our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, applaud him for his efforts to maintain the natural habitat and wildlife of this great State, and wish him every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.